Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, July 7 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
10:00 A.M. Evelyn Singura
12:00 P.M. Sister Claire Smith

MONDAY, July 8– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

TUESDAY, July 9-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

WEDNESDAY, July 10-Weekday
9:00A.M. John Kos

THURSDAY, July 11-St. Benedict, Abbot
9:00 A.M. Joseph Ewy (Living)

FRIDAY, July 12-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Maria Fanny De La Torres

SATURDAY, July 13-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

5:00P.M. Marie Thompson

SUNDAY, July 14– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
10:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:00 Noon George Blaslov

Today's Readings

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Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians:12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6a

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. **(Mark 6:1-6a)**

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Hosea 2:1, 17c-18, 21-22
Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9
Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY: Hosea 14:2-10
Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY: Isaiah 6:1-8
Matthew 10:24-33

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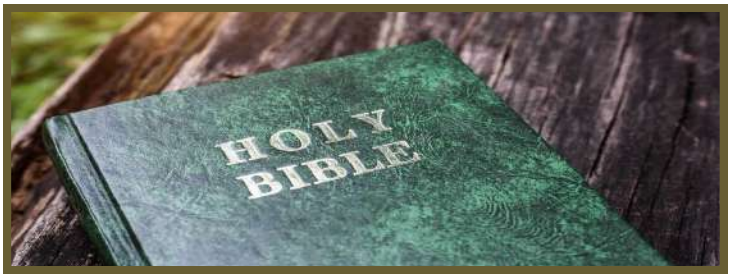
Amos 7:12-15
Ephesians:1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13



Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome those who registered in our parish during the month of June 2024.

Elpido Alexiou

Baptisms

We welcome those who were Baptized in our parish during the month of June 2024.

Chloe-Monet Lauri
Zoe Luana Gianaris
Joshua Louis Iocco Jr.
Keira Kaheakai Borg

Purgatorials

The following names have been enrolled in our Purgatorial Society for the month of June 2024. Please remember to continue to pray for their families.

Martha Gentz
Marie Benuvenuto

Recently Deceased

The following have passed away during the month of June 2024. We continue to pray for the recently deceased members of our parish.

Concetta Tenaglia
Fiorina Colangelo
Edwardo Perez Cortes

We ask for your mercy and grace for them, and for all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and enjoy the fullness of your love and presence.

Prayer to St. John Paul II

St. John Paul, from the window of Heaven grant us your blessing! Bless the Church that you have loved, served and guided, pushing Her with courage towards the paths of the world to bring Christ to all, and all to Christ. From the window of Heaven, where we see you next to Mary, send down upon us all the blessing of God. Amen.

Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

Awyn Profit, Jack Orlando, Steven Joyce, Judy Hanley-Brickner, John Wrenn, Augustin Cisneros, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, John & Carol Ross, Jeffrey Hyans, Marie LoVolpe, Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Nancy McCaffrey, Christopher Wojtalik, Theresa Pacheco, William Goss, Luke Pacheco, Vincenza Papa, Jim Schneggenburger, Anthony Criscuolo, Samantha O'Sullivan, Marilyn Miller, Pat Gravino, John Carmody, Rosario Duran, Vivian Papa, Joel Steinmann, Anna Governali, Tim Graham, Antonio Postiglione, Mario Tamburello, Christopher Araimo, Charles Principato, Jim Kreitler, Humberto Cordova, John Schakir, Margaret Culhane, Benedicto Randazzo, Angelo Niakas, Peter Lopez, Alex Humen, Rick Simonsen, Aubrey Madden and Madison Millett.

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

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"My grace is sufficient for you."

Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:vocations@diobrook.org

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic community that is centered in Jesus, gathers in worship and witnesses the Gospel message. The parish values and welcomes each person's gift of time, talent and treasure. As a faith-filled community, we are committed to minister to the spiritual, educational and material needs of all people.

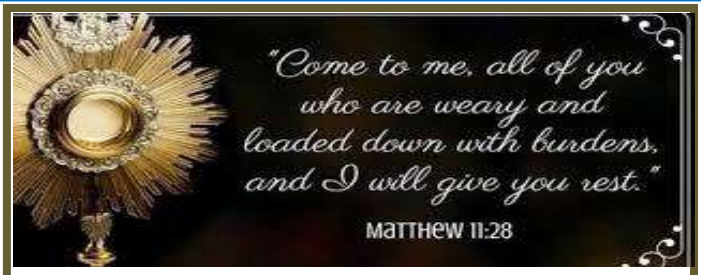
FOCUS:

We are called to share our faith near and far.

In Today's Gospel we find Jesus proclaiming the Good News in *his native place*. Although his message was not well received by most, there were a few who came to believe. We, too, are called to share our faith near and far. Sometimes, our efforts will bear little fruit, but at other times, by God's grace, someone may come to faith and that possibility should encourage us to persevere in this endeavor.

Holy Name Society

On Sunday, July 14th, the 8:00am Mass is the Holy Name Mass. The mission of the Holy Name Society is to promote devotion and reverence for the Holy Name of God and Jesus. What better way than to participate in the Holy Name Monthly Mass. All are invited to join in this celebration.



Eucharistic Adoration has concluded for the summer. I am grateful for our Deacons and their support in this service. Also, I appreciate all those who come to spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration will resume on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:00AM to 8:50AM.

Mass Attendance for the June 29/30, 2024:

5:00PM	94
8:00AM	47
9:30AM	102
11:00AM	84
12:30PM	36
4:00PM	304

Total in Attendance: 667

VOCATION PRAYER

In this Year of Prayer, the Parish Council has suggested that we as a parish pray the prayer for Vocations found on the back cover of the missalette.
We will pray the prayer every Sunday before the final blessing of Mass.
Vocations to the priesthood are needed throughout the country. Here in our own Diocese of Brooklyn, vocations are vital for the continuation of the Eucharist which is central to our lives as Catholics.

Let us pray to the Lord that men will respond to the call of the Lord to give their life in service to the Church as a priest.

PLEASE NOTE

BAPTISMS FOR JULY WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 28TH AT 1:00PM.

BAPTISMS FOR AUGUST WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 1:00PM.

We will be reciting ***The Gloria*** and the ***Our Father*** during the months of July and August

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

It is a beautiful prayer and reciting it may help us reflect more on the words we pray and come to a better understanding of *The Gloria*.

Memorials for the Week of July 7, 2024

ALTAR CANDLES

In Loving Memory of
Maria Fanny De La Torres

Requested By
Anna Kril &
Laura Jean Hawkins

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

Sunday 6/29-6/30: **$4,744.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

PRACTICAL TIPS ON FINDING A CATHOLIC CHURCH WHILE ON VACATION

One of the most reliable places online to find a Catholic church is MassTimes.org. You are able to enter in any address in the world and find the nearest church. Included in the results is the ability to search by a specific Mass time if you have a limited window when you can attend Mass. They also have an app for mobile devices that is extremely helpful.

Summertime

As the summer is upon us, many go away or are out of town for the weekends. May I ask you to please continue your weekly offering. Your support is essential for the parish during the summer months. As you know, like yourselves, we still have our monthly bills to be paid. I appreciate your attention to this important matter. If you plan to go away for the summer, please hand in your envelopes before you leave. For your information our fiscal year ends August 31st and the new fiscal year begins September 1st.

I want to wish each of you a restful and relaxing summer.
THANK YOU for all you do in supporting our parish.

Msgr. Maresca

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Thank you to all who have supported the Annual Catholic Appeal. I appreciate your sacrifices and generosity in the appeal. As of June 10th, we have pledged $26,466.76 towards our goal of $41,679.00. If you have not contributed to the appeal please prayerfully consider a gift to help us reach our goal. To this date, 67 parishioners or 24.10% of our parish have supported the appeal.

I appreciate all of your support and assure you of my prayers.

Msgr. Maresca

50/50 June 2024 Winners

First Prize
Mr. Aldo Biancospino

Second Prize
Ms. Diane Hubert

Third Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Boris Rusin

Congratulations!

Next weekend, July 13th and 14th, the second collection will be for Maintenance & Repairs.

Please be as generous as you means allow. Thank you for your generosity and support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

July 7-July 13

Sunday, July 7
2nd Collection-Air Conditioning

Monday, July 8

Tuesday, July 9
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 10
7:00PM Baptism Class

Thursday, July 11
10:00AM—Legion of Mary

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

NEXT WEEK

July 14-July 20

Sunday, July 14
8:00AM Holy Name Mass
2nd Collection-Maintenance & Repair

Monday, July 15

Tuesday, July 16
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 17

Thursday, July 18
10:00AM—Legion of Mary

Friday, July 19

Saturday, July 20

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July 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Msgr. Ralph J. Maresca V.F., Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind at the age of four, and raised by relatives. Introduced to Catholicism by visiting priests, she was baptized when she was 19 against the objections of her relatives. Eventually, the persecution against her became so strong she had to steal away to a Christian village where she lived in holiness. After her death, her scarred face was miraculously restored to its original beauty.

Grow with God

A relationship between two people is most satisfying when it is dynamic and growing but that takes effort and care. Our relationship with God is no different. Spending time with God and making Him a daily part of your life will help your relationship with Him grow and deepen.

Got faith?

Faith is not about what you see with your eyes. Faith is about what you see with your heart. *"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe"* (John 4:48).

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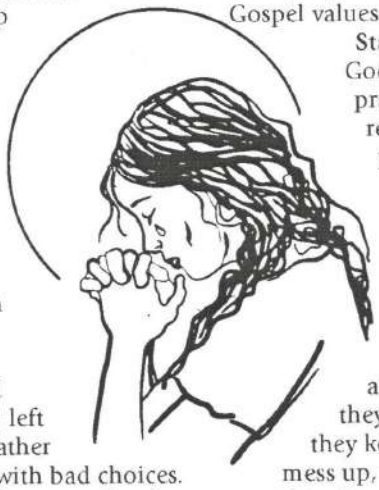
Our God of second chances

The bad news is that at some point in our lives—probably way more than we would like to admit—we are going to make choices that hurt our relationship with God.

The good news is that our God is a God of forgiveness and second chances. Here are some suggestions for using God's second chances in your own life.



Come to your senses. The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-52) left the embrace of his father and ruined himself with bad choices. He finally "came to his senses" and returned home. Realize and admit your own mistakes and come back to your Father's embrace.

Avoid bad company. *"Walk with wise men and you will become wise, but the companion of fools will fare badly"* (Proverbs 13:20). Surround yourself with people who will support your Gospel values.

Stay close. Closeness to God comes through prayer, Scripture study, regular Mass participation and living a Gospel-centered life.

Don't give up. Jesus spent three years teaching twelve people how to live as His followers. They didn't always get it right (and they lived with Him!), but they kept trying. When you mess up, remember what Jesus said to the woman caught in the act of adultery. *"Neither do I condemn you … from now on do not sin anymore"* (John 8:11). Pick yourself up and start again.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics wear scapulars?

Catholics wear scapulars as a sign of their devotion to Mary and their commitment to a Christian life. The scapular, particularly the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, symbolizes Mary's protection and promises spiritual benefits to the wearer. Tradition holds that those who wear it faithfully will receive Mary's special protection and will not suffer eternal damnation. It serves as a daily reminder to live virtuously and is often associated with spiritual affiliation to religious orders like the Carmelites.

A vacation is no vacation without Mass

Does your summer vacation sometimes include taking a vacation from Mass? Finding a Mass when you are away from home, or fitting it into a summer schedule can mean making special efforts. Here are four reasons to fit Mass into your summer routine:

Wherever Mass is said anywhere in the world, millions of people you don't know are praying for you and with you. Where else can you get that kind of help?

Attending Mass connects you to the Communion of Saints – the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and believers on earth. That's powerful company.

After Jesus ascended to Heaven, His followers formed the early Church to keep His message alive. Every time you attend Mass, you help to keep Jesus' message alive.

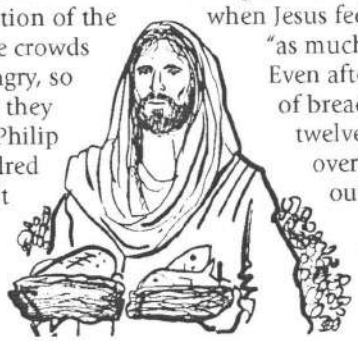
God commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath, and Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills that requirement. If God tells you to do something, it's a good idea to do it.

Note: to find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, see masstimes.org.

from Scripture

John 6:1-15, God's generous response to generous faith

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can be intimidated.



The apostle Andrew went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the five thousand "as much...as they wanted." Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over! God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

Q & A Why are Catholics asked to dress modestly?

Catholics are encouraged to dress modestly, firstly in church, to honor and respect the sanctity of the liturgy. This practice keeps the focus on prayer and the Eucharist, free from distractions. And, dressing modestly is a way to show respect and honor to God.

In general, modesty in attire reflects the dignity of the human body, recognizing it as made in God's image. By dressing with discretion, we display humility and purity, following scriptural teachings. Conforming to common standards of decency promotes unity and mutual respect.

Beyond church, modest dressing aligns with Catholic values of chastity and humility, guiding us to live our faith daily and publicly. It demonstrates self-respect and respect for others, acknowledging every person's dignity. Modest attire minimizes temptations and scandals, fostering purity in interactions. Moreover, it sets a positive example for others, especially the youth, reinforcing values of decency and virtue.

In essence, modest dress in church and everyday life cultivates an atmosphere of respect, reverence, and virtue, embodying and demonstrating our Catholic beliefs and values.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 3 – St. Thomas, Apostle (First Century): Despite being known as "doubting Thomas," he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof of Jesus' Resurrection: *"My Lord and My God"* (John 20:28). Tradition says Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians, and ultimately reached India.

July 5 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal (1336): The daughter of King Peter III of Aragon, she married King Denis of Portugal. She became known as "the Peacemaker" for resolving political conflicts. After her husband's death, she became a Franciscan tertiary with the Poor Clares.

July 15 – St. Bonaventure (1274): Cured of an illness through the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bonaventure became a Franciscan. As Minister General of the order, he cultivated a love of the way of St. Francis and the order's ideals.

July 24 – St. Sharbel Makhlūf (1898): A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.

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St. FRANCIS of ASSISI
SUMMER SCHEDULE

Beginning June 24th until September 3rd

Adoration

There will be No Adoration beginning June 24th.
Adoration will resume on September 4, 2024

Church Hours

Church Opens

Monday thru Saturday—8:00am
Sunday—7:30am

Mass Schedule

(July & August)

Monday thru Friday—9:00am
Saturday—9:00am & 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00noon
(NO Italian Mass During July & August)

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday—9:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—5:00pm
Friday 9:00am –12:00pm * 1:00pm—3:00pm
NO EVENING OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED SUNDAY

JULY 2024
LECTOR SCHEDULE

	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	JULY 6 - 7	JULY 13 - 14	JULY 20-21	JULY 27 - 28
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Dolores Ratkowski	Edward Kubina	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbi Skinner
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	Carol Hickey	Andrew Soltesz	Carol Hickey	Rob Laucella
Sunday 10:00 A.M.	Josephine Corso	Martha O'Toole	Patrick O'Toole	Maria Brooks
Sunday 12:00 P.M.	Sharon Costanza	Jane Di Donato	Jane Di Donato	Jane Di Donato

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Once you are scheduled, if you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make every effort to call and get a replacement. Thank you

PRE-K FOR ALL

Openings available for our 2024-2025 Free Pre-K for All Program
for children living in NYC and born in 2020.
For more information, contact the Program Director,
Mrs. Nancy Annunziata at:
NAnnunziata@sfaacademy.org or 718-726-9405 ext. 3

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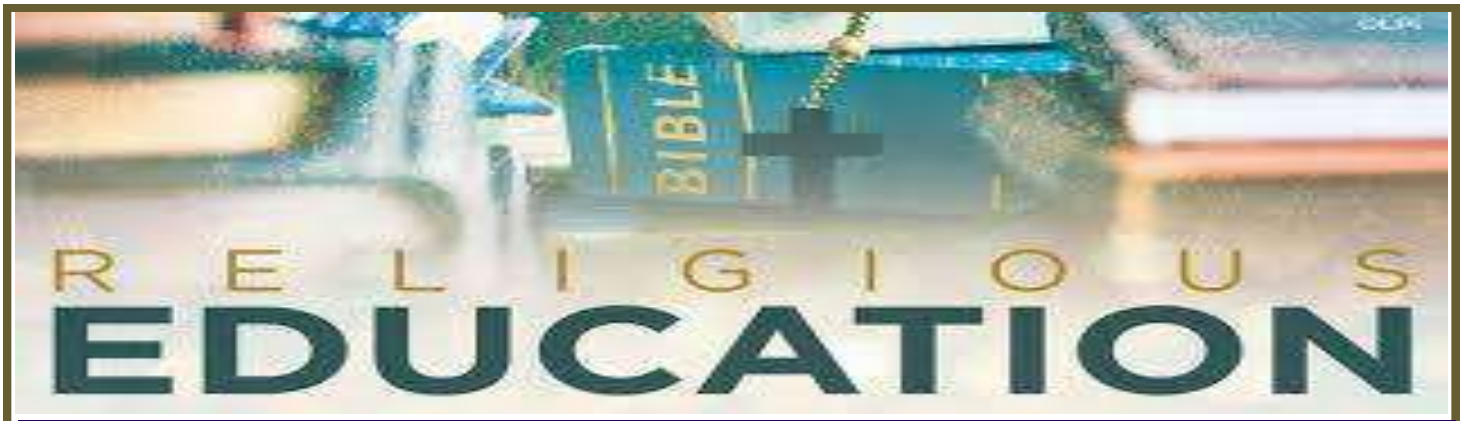

If you have a child beginning first grade in public school, it is time to register for Religious Education. Diocesan guidelines require ***two years*** of instructions prior to the reception of a Sacrament. If your child is already in the first grade and missed this year, call the Office of Religious Education to set up an appointment to discuss the options.

Sister Francesca, Director of Faith Formation,
(718) 278.0259 or dre@sfaacademy.org

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO…

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not
celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

Then **RCIA** (**R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults) is what you're looking for! Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church as well as prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

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St. Francis of Assisi

Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 28, 2024